

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks, wherein Claim(s) 13-19 and 21 have been amended. Currently, Claims 1-19 and 21 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11 are withdrawn.

As an initial matter, Applicants express gratitude for the indication of allowed Claim 22. As a result, independent Claim 12 has been canceled, and Claims 13-19 and 21 are amended to depend upon allowed Claim 22. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted at the number indicated below.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully Submitted,

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